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AN OLD OUTLAWED WEAPON IS AGAIN IN USE TO BAIT LABOR:

Surveys Report Increasing Use Of 'Injunction'

New York City

An ugly rash of injunctions is spreading across the strike scene as big business reaches for legal ways to cripple organized labor's wage movement, a Federated Press survey shows.

While their spokesmen in the House rammed through the Case bill, one section of which revives the anti-labor injunction outlawed 14 years ago by the Norris-LaGuardia act, the big corporations have been increasingly resorting to court injunctions to limit picketing and weaken strikes.

Strong union resistance has thus far prevented employers from getting permanent injunctions against picketing and on the political front unionists are mobilizing for a tremendous outcry against Senate adoption of the strike-strangling Case bill.

Twelve members of an electrical workers' union were arrested after a restraining order was handed down by Vice-Chancellor John O. Bigelow limiting picketing at the Westinghouse plant in Bloomfield, N. J., to 30. The strikers answered the injunction by massing more than 1,000 pickets before the plant. They had the support of Mayor John A. Reed, who declared police would not be used again to enforce the injunction.

CALIF. EXPERIENCE

Issuance of an injunction against UE pickets at the U. S. Motors Inc. plant in Los Angeles resulted in injury to more than 25 workers when cops attacked a mass picketline with teargas bombs and clubs. Violence also broke out on picketlines at the Bethlehem Steel Corp. shipyard in Oakland, Calif., where the company obtained an injunction limiting pickets to 10. The company also won a temporary injunction restraining picketing at its Alameda plant by the AFL Bay Cities Metal Trades Council and its 55 affiliated locals.

A temporary injunction has been obtained by Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. in San Diego against striking Lodge 1125, Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated).

VIOLENCE PROVOKED

Pattern of the employers' injunction campaign has been to provoke violence on the picketlines to lay the basis for court action. In forcing picketlines down to a token display, employers apparently have a two-fold purpose: (1) to undermine the spirit of strikers and (2) to prevent unions from barring entry of supervisors and strikebreakers who, employers hope, can be made the core of back-to-work movements.

Death Claims Jack Leonard

Bay Area labor this week mourned the loss of another prominent leader, Brother Jack Leonard, 45, general representative of the Laborers International Union for Northern California, and assistant here to Brother Joseph Marshall, first vice-president of the union.

It is the third death of capable, popular leaders in recent weeks, the others being Lamar Peat of Richmond Laborers and Jack Crown of San Mateo Electricians.

Brother Leonard worked until Jan. 21 when he entered the hospital for a cancer operation. Though returned to his home two weeks ago he was still seriously ill, and death came last Thursday morning.

Surviving is the widow, Mrs. Stella Leonard. Brother Leonard had been active in Bay Area labor circles for the past 15 years, serving Local 261 of San Francisco much of the time.

Another death occurred in Fresno last week, that of George Pylman, treasurer of the Fresno Laborers Local and a delegate to the Northern California District Council of Laborers. Brother Pylman was well known among Laborers in this end of the state. He was 80 years of age and was one of the first members of the Fresno organization.

COMMERCIAL FISHING BILL BEATEN IN STATE ASSEMBLY

With all of the seven seas at their disposal, commercial fishing interests last week tried to shove a measure allowing them to set up their nets in San Pablo Bay and Carquinez traits down the throat of the State Assembly. But it was the wrong shape. It stuck in the assembly committee, whose members refused by a 4 to 8 vote to recommend its passage. This does not surprise us.

What does surprise us is that the bill found a sponsor in the first place. But it did: Sen. T. H. Delap (R), of Richmond, introduced it, arguing that some 300 merchant ships at anchor in Suisun Bay prevented commercial fishermen from working there, so couldn't they fish in San Pablo Bay, please?

One excellent reason why they should not be allowed to fish in this area is that it is one of the few in which sport-minded citizens of Contra Costa and Solano counties can still spend an afternoon and come home with something. Furthermore, through Carquinez Straits pass a tremendous number of fish bound for upriver spawning grounds. But precious few would pass the nets of commercial fishermen if they were allowed in there.

As things stand most industrial workers can't afford polo ponies yachts, or memberships in country clubs. But most of them can afford fishing tackle and license. Their right to have some place to use these ought to be secure.

Put the Heat On Congress!

Organized labor is letting its representatves in Congress know it is watching their vote on the following legislation:

Price Control (HR. 5270) This bill renews price control act and the OPA. Hearings have started in House banking committee. Labor is supporting renewal to help prevent inflation.

65c Wage (S. 1349) This Truman-approved measure lifts the minimum wage from 40c to 65c, and eventually to 70c an hour. It is expected to reach the Senate floor soon. Watch for an attempt by anti-labor senators to compromise. Wire support to your own senator.

Case Bill (HR. 5262) A vicious anti-labor measure meeting the resistance of all organized labor. Bill is now in Senate labor committeee. Wire Sen. Murray, committee chairman, and all other members against its passage in any form.

Polltax Repeal (HR. 7) Wire your own senator to demand that this House-approved measure be brought onto the Senate floor for a vote. Passage of this bill will open the way to retire several of the most anti-labor polltaxers to private life.

WARNING TO LADIES

Mercolized Wax Cream has long been a highly advertised product widely used by women who have been "sold' on the idea it will improve the beauty of their skins.

Its manufacturers were ordered by the Federal Trade Commission this week to stop using advertisements "which fail to reveal" the serious dangers and "harmful" effects of that product, which contains ammoniated mercury.

"The use of ammoniated mercury is likely to result in erythema, oedema, inflammation, irritation and dermatitis," the F.T.C. said. "This is particularly true where the skin is already cut or broken."

In some cases, the commission added, the mercury is "absorbed by the system, injuring the kidneys and aggravating nephritis."

The order was issued after a long battle, in which the manufacturers got help from a Federal court in delaying this warning to users of Mercolized Wax.

Labor Items

WASHINGTON.—Mechanics and ground crew personnel of Northwest Airlines have chosen the Machinists as bargaining representative. Machinists licked CIO United Auto Workers 499 to 272. Machinists now have 7 airlines under contract.

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WASHINGTON.—Spokesmen for both veteran and labor groups testified here before committees in opposition to return of U. S. Employment Service to states. Charles G. Bolte of Amvets joined AFL Pres. Wm. Green to retain the USES setup.

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PITTSBURGH—Biggest strike in history ended Feb. 18 when steelworkers went back to work following settlement with U. S. Steel. Workers got 18½c increase, while company got $5 a ton increase. U. S. Steel makes a profit on the deal, incidentally.

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KANSAS CITY.—Machinists have secured 22c to 38c an hour increase for airline workers from Transcontinental and Western Air lines. Retroactive to Jan. 1, with $100,000 back pay.

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NEW YORK.—Fifteen thousand employes of Electronics Manufacturers Assn., representing 18 companies, win 20 per cent wage increase. Also get 6¼ paid holidays, paid vacations, closed shop and hiring hall.

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LANCASTER, Pa.—Twelve thousand AFL workers threw picketlines around Conestago Transp. Co., stopped all bus, truck and train transport. General strike resulted, except firemen, postoffice, water works, etc. Both AFL and CIO unions participated. 80 per cent of transit service affected.

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DENVER.—Colorado Chamber of Commerce sponsors bitterly anti-labor program, including outlawing of closed shop, strikes against public utilities, waiting period before strikes, banning of labor political contributions.

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SAN DIEGO.—Showing white-collar workers are getting labor-conscious, 500 non-union engineers walked out of Vultee Aircraft after voting to respect picket lines of Machinists 1125.

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CLEVELAND.—Pressmen, which halted newspaper publication here for 32 days, get weekly increase of $14.02 for day work and $15.02 for night work, retroactive to Sept. 8, 1945.

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NEW YORK.—Int. Ladies Garment Workers announces pay hike of $4 weekly for all knitgoods workers getting less than $30 and $5 for those getting over $30.

2000 Bay Electr. Wkrs. Get Raise

More than 2000 electricians in three Bay area counties will benefit under wage increases recently approved by the Wage Adjustment Board, according to Charles J. Foehn, business manager of Electrical Workers Local 6.

An hourly increase of 17½ cents was granted, effective Jan. 18, giving journeymen $2.17½ per hour and cable splicers the same rate. The new rates apply to all new contracts. Local 6 jurisdiction covers San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties.

Price Control Attack Backed By Profiteers

New York City

Now that the fight to renew price control legislation has begun, manufacturers and enemies of OPA within the administration are trying to sell the public the idea that price control has been holding up production. Price increases will automatically increase production, they claim.

Facts show the contrary. What's held back production is not price control but a sitdown strike of manufacturers who have been hoarding scarce goods to blackmail OPA into breaking price ceilings.

SABOTAGE CHARGED

If the Civilian Production Administration had used its controls over allocation of materials and production to back up price control, this hoarding could have been prevented. But CPA Administrator John D. Small is one of the key officials who have been sabotaging price control. It is strange that newspapers and not the CPA uncovered the hoarding of 3,000,000 shirts and between 400,000 and 750,000 suits in warehouses by businessmen holding out for unlimited price increases.

Where OPA has given in to industry pressure and permitted price increases, production still has not gone up because manufacturers then hold out for even greater increases. There have been five major price increases on lumber since 1943, amounting to a total increase of 75%. But production has declined continuously.

British, American Policy at London Badly Botched Up, Columnist Charge

By DONALD RAMSEY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is from Donald Ramsey's regular column in a recent issue of "Labor," official organ of the American railroad brotherhoods, published weekly in Washington, D. C.)

This column has been picturing the struggle between Russia and Britain before the UNO conference in London. It is difficult to escape the conclusion that, up to date, Vishinski has out-maneuvered Bevin. The situation is even worse than that.

The "Reds" are placing the representatives of the democratic nations, including the United States, in a most unpleasant "hole."

They are making it appear that we are the foes and they are the friends of the yellow man and the black man. That may lead to limitless tragedy for all races.

If that occurs, it will be due to the blundering of the spokesmen for democracy, because, in anything like a fair contest, democracy should win the prize in the court of world opinion.

DEMOCRACY ON WRONG SIDE

Undubitably, that is the system best calculated to advance the welfare of the people of every race, but at this moment in London, democracy is battling for imperialism, and the kind of capitalism that places exorbitant profits above all thought of human rights.

Specifically, Ernest Bevin denies the right of the United Nations to ascertain what is going on in Indonesia. "It's none of their business," he says, to a world gravely shocked by stories which have slipped by the censor.

In Greece, he fights to restore a king who is as truly Fascist as Hitler or Mussolini. Our representatives support Mr. Bevin, while the Russians become the champions of the "Atlantic Charter."

One doesn't have to be a prophet to see what is going to happen if this sort of thing continues—Asia will eventually "go Red," for the simple reason that it hasn't any other place to go.

Green Lauds Labor For Ration Board Service

Washington, D. C.

AFL President William Green paid high tribute to thousands of AFL officials who have given their time and services during the past 4 years as volunteer members of local OPA rationing and price control boards to protect their communities from inflation.

Injunctions Back As Anti-Labor Weapon

New York City

Confirmation that injunctions are becoming the employers' favorite 1946 tactic for breaking strikes was picked up by Federated Press during an investigation of secret anti-labor strategy meeting held by leading U. S. industrialists in the Waldorf Astoria.

The tip was gathered by an FP reporter waiting in the outer office of Edward S. Cowdrick, former executive secretary of the Special Conference Committee of industrialists which brain trusts big business' labor strategy.

Cowdrick was overheard dictating a letter or memo advising how anti-union injunctions could be obtained under a ruling "more liberal" than that of the Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction law.

DeLacy Flays House Snoop Committee

Washington, D. C.

Another all-out assault on the House un-American activities committee was made on the floor recently by Rep. Hugh DeLacy (D, Wash.) after the committee had failed in a second attempt to get the records of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee committee.

DeLacy called attention to a letter written on the stationery of the House committee and signed by Chief Counsel Ernie Adamson, saying, "The fifth amendment to the Constitution of the U. S. was enacted for the purpose of preventing this government from ever being a true democracy."

CALLED "PERVERSION"

The Washington congressman, a member of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (AFL), said: "This perversion of the Constitution—carefully conceived by those who fought and bled in the Revolution that democracy might be born—comes straight from the lips of Elizabeth Dilling. These are the teachings of this American fascist, indicted for sedition by the government of the U. S.

"By what right, Mr. Speaker, dares the chief counsel of the House committee on un-American activities to repeat the words of fascists in the name of this House of Representatives?"

DeLacy recalled that the committee has also written Columnist Drew Pearson, probing his use of the word "democracy" at the close of his Sunday evening broadcasts and charged that "the inference is clear. To the committee on un-American activities "democracy" is an alien and dangerous concept."

Building Trades Of New York Get 15c to 25c Hike

New York City

First general wage increase for building trades workers in this area since 1939 was granted in a 5-year master agreement signed by the New York Building and Construction Trades Council and the New York Building Trades Employers Assn.

Retroactive to Jan. 1, the contract provides wage increases averaging slightly less than 15 per cent and ranging up to 25c hourly for a maximum of 150,000 workers in the 150 locals affiliated with the AFL body. It also provides for six paid holidays. Issue of employers' contribution of 3 per cent of payrolls to a welfare fund remains unsettled pending OPA investigation of whether it would require a price increase.

L. A. Trades Unions at Peak of Postwar Rush

Los Angeles unions are so busy they can't take care of normal business, according to reports. A great influx of new residents and a great boom in business and building is responsible. For instance, the building trades are asking members to check on the man working next to him about union membership stewards simply can't get around to all the jobs, all the workmen. Auto Mechanics report initiating 108 new members last week, most of them from new car dealers. Operating Engineers 63 report more members, more business agents, than ever. Training of plumbers is held up by shortage of three plumbing teachers for apprentices.

Minimum Pay At 65c Would Aid Millions

Washington, D. C.

The 65c minimum wage bill sailed smoothly out of the Senate education and labor committee recently and Chairman Jas. E. Murray (D, Mont.) said he hoped to bring it up for debate on the floor shortly.

As reported out by the committee, the bill (S. 1349) jumps the present 40c an hour minimum wage to 65c immediately and holds at that figure for two years, when it goes to 70c for two years. In the fifth year the legal minimum advances to 75c an hour.

TO AID 6 MILLION

Sen. Murray said the bill, if passed, would give pay increases to 6 million workers, and that it covers retail businesses of four or more stores that do a combined business annually of $500,000 or more.

This means that the drug and food chain stores, many department stores, wholesale houses and five and ten cent stores will come under the terms of the federal law. Only the small, independent corner grocer and druggist is exempted. According to Dept. of Labor figures quoted by Sen. Claude Pepper (D, Fla.) who offered the retail store amendment, it adds 2 million workers to the covered list.

Here is Truman Plan Offered to Stabilize Wage, Price Structure

Washington, D. C.

After several weeks of negotiations and arguments, President Harry S. Truman hopefully announced a new wage-price stabilization policy under which workers may get boosts of from 5c to about 20c an hour, and industry shall be guaranteed pre-war profits if operating at full capacity.

Wage increases are allowable under the new policy if they are agreed upon between the employer and the union involved, and do not exceed the general level of increases granted in the industry since V-J Day.

Other wage increases may be granted to correct "gross inequalities" in related plants, industries or job qualifications.

A third provision allows wage increases to offset the increase in the cost of living between January, 1941 and September, 1945. This simply permits the operation of the Little Steel formula under present conditions.

The new program denies price relief equal to the amount of wage increases to industries operating at a "temporary low volume." This would bar chiseling by corporations holding back production in order to improve their price structure.

In announcing the new program, President Truman made OPA Administrator Chester Bowles head of the revived Office of Economic Stabilization, and put Paul A. Porter, of the Federal Communications Commission, in as OPA chief. Porter is a former rent administrator for OPA.

Reconversion Director John W. Snyder remains on the job, at least temporarily, with some of his authority clipped.

Real Estaters Gang Up in Big Drive to Wreck Price Controls

Washington, D. C.

An ambitious program of attempting to organize 27 million U. S. property owners into one organization "in the interest of protecting property rights" was announced by the Natl. Real Estate Foundation.

Heading the campaign will be Henry E. Price, attorney and former member of the Washington lobby of the Natl. Assn. of Real Estate Boards.

Pres. Arthur W. Binns of the foundation said the drive would emphasize the enlisting of small home owners, farmers and small businessmen, while another spokesman said it would concern itself with "sending out information and not lobbying." He said the group would not oppose the federal housing program recently announced to build 3 million homes through private enterprise.

HE ENJOYS IT, TOO

AFL members really enjoy taking part in community services, and this picture shows what they mean. Here, Business Rep. J. H. Smith of San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council takes keen interest in tots at Canon Kip Day Nursery. There's spirit like this in many communities where AFL organizations exist. (Federated Pictures)

NAM FUND ELECTED MR. CHASE

That Rep. Francis Case of South Dakota, author of the infamous Case Bill which passed the House and which is now before the Senate, was elected with the special financial help of NAM leaders is the charge made by George Seldes' "In Fact." Fifteen rich men put up $53,000 in 1942 to elect the whole caboodle of senators and congressmen from South Dakota. The duponts, General Motors big-wigs and others put up the dough.

In return for this lavish financial help in the elections, the South Dakota contingent has done right well by the slushfund boys. Senators Chan Gurney and Harlan J. Bushfield supported the anti-labor Smith-Connally Bill, voted against FDR's $25,000 net salary limitation, for the unfair income tax bill which favored corporations, and for unions filing tax returns. Congressmen Case and Mundt backed the Hobbs Bill, the NAM income tax bill, opposed rollback of prices, for the "greedy" 1944 income tax bill, and against the Soldiers Vote Bill.

Thus does corporation election money call the tune. But when labor unions want to spend money out of their treasuries to protect gains and advance progressive legislation, they're hogtied.

Out for Blood!

Murdered pickets mean little to Pres. George P. McNear of Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad (above), a fanatical labor-hater with a long union-busting record. Two men were killed and three wounded when his hired thugs fired from armored freight into crowd of unarmed strikers picketing railroad crossing near Gridley, Ill. (Federated Pictures)

Twenty Per Cent Seen For Packing Workers

Washington, D. C.

A 16c an hour general wage increase, or about 20 per cent, is proposed for 90,000 production employes of the major packing houses by the meat fact-finding board.

Federation Hits Govt. Wage-Price Proposals

(State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco, Calif.

President Truman issued the new wage-price policy in the form of an executive order which re-establishes governmental controls over wage increases. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has deemed this order to mean, in effect, an end of free collective bargaining. The California State Federation of Labor is in full accord with President Green's sentiments and is vigorously opposed to the scrutiny of collective bargaining agreements by government bureaucrats.

"The empowering of the government to determine wage rates by fiat is dangerously reminiscent of the Nazi-Soviet idea of governmental regulation of wage rates and working conditions. The Federation is against the continued linking of prices and wages, for it feels that consideration has not been given to the fact that wages form only a small proportion of the cost of production in many industries. Through increased efficiency and increased production, industry can absorb much of the proposed wage increases. The linking of wages to prices, in effect, nullifies wage increases and prevents the workers from increasing their real wages and thereby improving their standard of living.

UNREST CONTINUES

The present labor unrest is due specifically to the wartime wage controls which were based on inflexible formulae that were completely divorced from reality. These resulted in keeping wages far below their normal level, while profits soared to unheard of heights. The same reaction will occur when this attempt to depress wages is ended.

THE COW'S HUSBAND

"The Nation is not better off because more people are working."—SENATOR ROBERT A. TAFT of Ohio, speaking in the Senate, Sept. 27, 1945.

Czech Unions Forming Central Labor Council

Prague, Czechoslovakia

Drawing on experience of labor disunity in 1938 when Germany invaded Czechoslovakia, unionists there have formed a Central Council of Trade Unions representing all sections of organized labor, Allied Labor News reports.

YOU AND YOUR JOB

What You Should Know About Law

Strike Assessment Tax Reduction

Suppose your union is out on strike, but you are permitted to stay on the job to tend the boilers. You turn over 20 per cent of your pay to the union to help feed your union brothers. Can you deduct this from your income tax? We don't know of any decision on this point, but since union dues and assessments are deductible from income tax, the 20 per cent "contribution" for union relief appears likewise to be deductible. It would appear to be a legitimate deductible expense.

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MAKING DEMOCRACY "DEMOC"

It is a fact that we Americans, despite our ridiculing of kings, dukes, counts and no-accounts, are nevertheless rather "king-minded." The average person, when you can get him interested in elections at all, gets worked up almost entirely over his choice for president, governor or mayor. In national, state or municipal campaigns he goes all out for the "big shot" as though upon his election everything we humans hold dear is at stake.

This is all wrong. It is true that the President, under our Constitution, has great powers, and that it is important to get a good, forward-looking executive in the White House. It is true, too, that in most states the Governor has broad powers and it is important to see that a troglodyte is not selected as chief state executive. So long as the chief executive of nation or state retains the veto power (a vestige of monarchy) we must see that only the highest type of individual is in position to exercise it.

But the core of our democracy is the *representative*. Theoretically, we elect a congressman to represent *us*—the people residing in a certain district. However, ten times as many people are interested in who the President shall be as in who the congressman shall be. Yet, in the last analysis, Congress is more powerful than the President—that is, two-thirds of the members of Congress can override a presidential veto.

Why do we bring this up? *Because it is quite plain that we "king-minded" voters constantly get ourselves into a mess by concentrating on the executive end and neglecting the legislative end.* We elect a Roosevelt and surround him with a bunch of congressional misrepresentatives who block a people's program. We get so lazy that we even neglect our right of recall when the representatives misrepresent us. Then when things get bad enough, we start hollering "it's time for a change" and proceed to help elect a new president from the opposition party. If we had concentrated on the job of getting progressive congressmen in the first place the response of representatives to the popular will would have been far better.

There are good arguments for the "short ballot" plan—that is, to have voters vote only for a *limited* list of candidates—school board trustee, city councilman, supervisor, state legislator, congressman, judge and senator. That would be seven. Under this plan, the chief executive official would be appointed by the board, the council or by a cabinet chosen by the state legislature, congress, etc. Thus the accent would be placed on *representative* government, making the voter *representative conscious.* And *this* is the very foundation of democracy. The average ballot today is so cluttered with candidates and propositions that a large part of voting is done *blindly.* Walk down the street and ask the first 100 adults you meet who is the local assemblyman or the local congressman: We'd wager that not 25 per cent of them could give you the last names of both, and probably 50 per cent couldn't name either!

MILLING AROUND IN CIRCLES

All leading authorities are now agreed that during *this* year the cost of living will go up another 8 to 10 per cent. This means that if you are making $200 a month and don't get another wage increase, you will have $20 a month lopped off your salary. Unions all over the country have been going out on strike for a 30 per cent wage increase. Most of them are settling for about half that. With a 10 per cent cost of living increase this year, their actual "gain" will amount to only 5 per cent.

Meantime, ignoring the huge profits of industry, the government is yielding to business pressure and granting price increases which more than make up for wage hikes. There can be only one outcome—more and more strikes, dwindling purchasing power of the common people, an unhealthy "boom" to be followed eventually by another "depression" and mass unemployment.

American workers who still sing of the beauties of "free enterprise" are surely gluttons for punishment!

BOUQUET FOR HAROLD

For about 14 years Harold Ickes has been serving the American people as a guardian of their interests. We do not know much about Mr. Pauley, but we *do* know a lot about Ickes—enough, in fact, to be able to say that if Ickes says Pauley is objectionable, he must be objectionable. We think that the people have lost a valuable servant, that President Truman has been badly advised, and that the exploiters of the public domain have a far better chance to exploit it now that Ickes is gone. Power and oil companies found the old "curmudgeon" too "stubborn," but we wish there were a lot more of his kind in the Cabinet.

JUST TRY IT SOME TIME!

When we start cursing those awful tugboat operators whose strike raised heck in New York, let us also remember that many of those men, with families, were receiving wages as low as 67½c an hour. Have *you* tried lately to support a wife and a couple of kids on $30 a week?

GIGGLES AND GROANS

COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE

A hypnotist was in court and being sued for divorce by his wife on charges of cruelty.

"Your honor," the woman complained to the judge, "my husband is the meanest man in the world. He hypnotized me into thinking I was a canary, and gave me birdseed for breakfast, lunch and dinner."

The husband appeared very distraught. "I beg your pardon," he said, "but I don't think that was mean."

The magistrate's eyes popped: "How do you explain that?" he demanded.

"Well," replied the husband, "I could have hypnotized her into thinking she was a sparrow, and let her find her own food."

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TURN BACK THE CLOCK

"It's never too late to bend," said Pop, laying his 16-year-old daughter across his knee.

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REAL TREAT IN STORE

The country pastor up in the hills of Arkansas was making an announcement during the services:

"Sistern and brethren, you have a great surprise in storp for you next Sunday. The sermon will be delivered by Bishop Fuddle. You may think you know something about sin, but you won't really know what sin is until Bishop Fuddle gets here."

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AND DON'T FORGET!

Letter from a GI to his wife:

"Please send me $5 for shaving cream and stuff."

Came the reply:

"Honey, enclosed herewith is 25c for the shaving cream. The stuff is back here."

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REALISTIC SUGGESTION

An English visitor at the Houston Nomads' Chapter, brought a new saying in vogue among women in some parts of England: "Look before you Jeep or you'll be Yanked into maternity."

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BEST EXPLANATION

BILLIE: "Why do they call you a 'Yes' girl?"

MILLIE: "I simply don't no."

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HORNS OF A DILEMMA

Then there is the story of the annual picnic of the United Association of Lady Vegetarians. The ladies were comfortably seated and waiting for the kettle to boil up the spuds, beets and carrots, when —horror of horrors!—a savage bull appeared on the scene.

There was a wild rush for safety while the racing creature pounded after one lady who, unfortunately, had a red parasol. By great good fortune she managed to hurdle a fence before the bull could reach her. Then, regaining her breath, she turned around defiantly and screamed:

"Oh, you ungrateful creature! Here I've been a vegetarian all my life. That's gratitude for you!"

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DEFIANT LITTLE RASCAL

The aggressive wife of a meek little man was taking her husband to task. While she was raving at him for his utter stupidity, the door-bell rang and some friends came to make a call. The little husband sat in dejected silence and listened to his wife and the friends talk.

Suddenly, during a lull in the conversation, his wife glared across the room and shouted: "And don't sit there making fists at me in your pockets, either!"

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RAVEN-OUS REMARKS

JOHNNY: "A little bird told me what kind of a lawyer your father is."

JIMMY: "What did the bird say?"

JOHNNY: "Cheep, cheep!"

JIMMY: "Oh, yeah! Well, a duck told me what kind of a doctor your father is."

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DIDN'T GO OVER

W. E. Woodward is famed for his "New American History." At one time he was with a big New York advertising agency which handled the account of Jake Ruppert (Yankee owner) to sell Ruppert's beer. Woodward was detailed to talk over the campaign with Ruppert. After the talk the firm lost the Ruppert account because Jake didn't think Woodward's humor was funny. Ruppert wanted some kind of slogan like Carnation's "Milk From Contented Cows," and walked out on Woodward completely when, as a slogan, the latter suggested: "Ruppert's Beer—From Contented Horses."

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STATIONERY ENGINEERS

STRANGER—Is there any objection to parking all night in this town?

NATIVE—Every girl I ever spoke to about it has objected.

The Competent Critic

An indignant reader scrawled a letter to the newspaper PM protesting its frequent criticisms of the pro-fascist New York Daily News, which he described as "a fine newspaper."

A. P. S. to the letter noted: "Please excuse the crayon, but they do not allow us to have sharp objects in here."

Books

THE FOUR CORNERSTONES OF PEACE, by Vera Micheles Dean. Published by Whittlesey House (McGraw-Hill Book Company), McGraw-Hill Bldg., New York 18.

This work is a review of the attempts made to achieve world peace and collective security, traces the accomplishments toward that end at Dumbarton Oaks, Yalta, Mexico City and San Francisco, and is a laudable effort to present it all in perspective. The author has won fame in her field and is noted as the research director of the Foreign Policy Association.

Every person everywhere in the world must be vitally concerned with present efforts to make the UNO work. It HAS to work or stark tragedy faces us. A world armament race, considering present developments in weapons of wholesale destruction, is unthinkable. What has taken place up to San Francisco, what has been going on in London, what will be worked out in the future through the UNO is the vital concern of every citizen, for upon it depends whether our children will live in a happy world or a bloody one.

"The Four Cornerstones of Peace" is much more than one writer's commentary on steps toward collective security It is a valuable reference volume as well, for it contains the full texts of the Dumbarton Oaks agreements, the historic conference at Yalta, the Anglo-Soviet treaty, the French-Soviet alliance, the Russian-Czech mutual assistance treaty, the charter of the United Nations, the Act of Chapultepec. Unless one is familiar with the various steps taken preceding the actual formation of the UNO it is difficult to assess later and present developments realistically and without bias. Altogether, a valuable book to have on your library shelf.

—AL SESSIONS.

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OPPORTUNITY IN ALASKA, by George Sundborg. Published by the Macmillan Company, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York. Price $2.50.

Now that the war is over and a lot of veterans and war workers have got a taste of Alaska and environs, the question is: Will there be speedier colonization of this territory? This book succeeds in supplying the prospective settler with detailed information about the place. An introduction is written by the Governor of Alaska, Ernest Gruening.

No attempt is made by the author, who has spent four years in the territory studying the region, to minimize the difficulties and inconveniences for the pioneer there. Except for stretches of the southern littoral (where most of the 65,000 population now resides and works) Alaska is a mighty cold place at times, mosquitoes are plentiful and vicious, and transportation facilities are still anything but good. There are still opportunities to pan gold, other precious minerals remain to be unearthed, agriculture is profitable in spots, lumbering has great potentialities, and fishing is still a major industry. But nobody should be under the illusion that he can go up to Alaska on a shoestring and make a fortune over night. Any venture takes capital. For many people the severe change in climate is difficult to get accustomed to.

Nevertheless, there IS opportunity in Alaska. The territory is one of the remaining frontiers left for the enterprising pioneer. Veterans especially can tackle ventures up there, because they can get direct aid from the government through loans. No doubt many are considering locating. Those who plan to do so should get Sundborg's book, read it thoroly, know what they are getting into, and plan accordingly.

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Newest Bantam Books

Newest entrant into the 25c field, Bantam Books, places some interesting titles on the stands for February. There are plenty of chuckles in the James Thurber cartoon collection, "Men, Women and Dogs." One of Sinclair Lewis' best, "Babbitt," has been reprinted. Mystery selection is Mary Collins' "The Fog Comes." Movie-goers will remember the fine story, "Valiant Is the Word for Carrie," by Barry Benefield. Altogether, a dollar's pleasure that you can't misspend.—AES.

FCC Gives Go Ahead For Labor FM Radio

Washington, D. C.

The Federal Communications Commission has given a green light to three labor unions to begin construction of FM broadcasting stations. Authority to start work went to the United Auto Workers for a Detroit station, to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers for a station in Rochester, N.Y., and to the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers for a Chattanooga, Tenn., station.

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Address All Mail to William E. Riker, Holy City, California

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—General Douglas MacArthur

SO speaks a distinguished eye-witness of your Red Cross in action. General MacArthur *saw* the Red Cross at your fighting man's side, all through the gruelling months of war, bringing a touch of home to homesick, heartsick men.

He knows, as you do, that your Red Cross cannot yet say, "Mission accomplished." It still has an enormous task to do. With your help, it will carry this task to a successful completion.

One War is over . . . but another War has begun

Thousands of our men still in veterans' hospitals and in faraway lands overseas need comfort and cheer now, as they did when the bombs were bursting.

And when disaster strikes here at home—fire, flood, tornado—your Red Cross must be ready with aid for the victims. Its war against human misery is never wholly won.

But remember—it is *your* Red Cross. It depends on you for its very existence. So give from your heart. Give generously. Give *today!*

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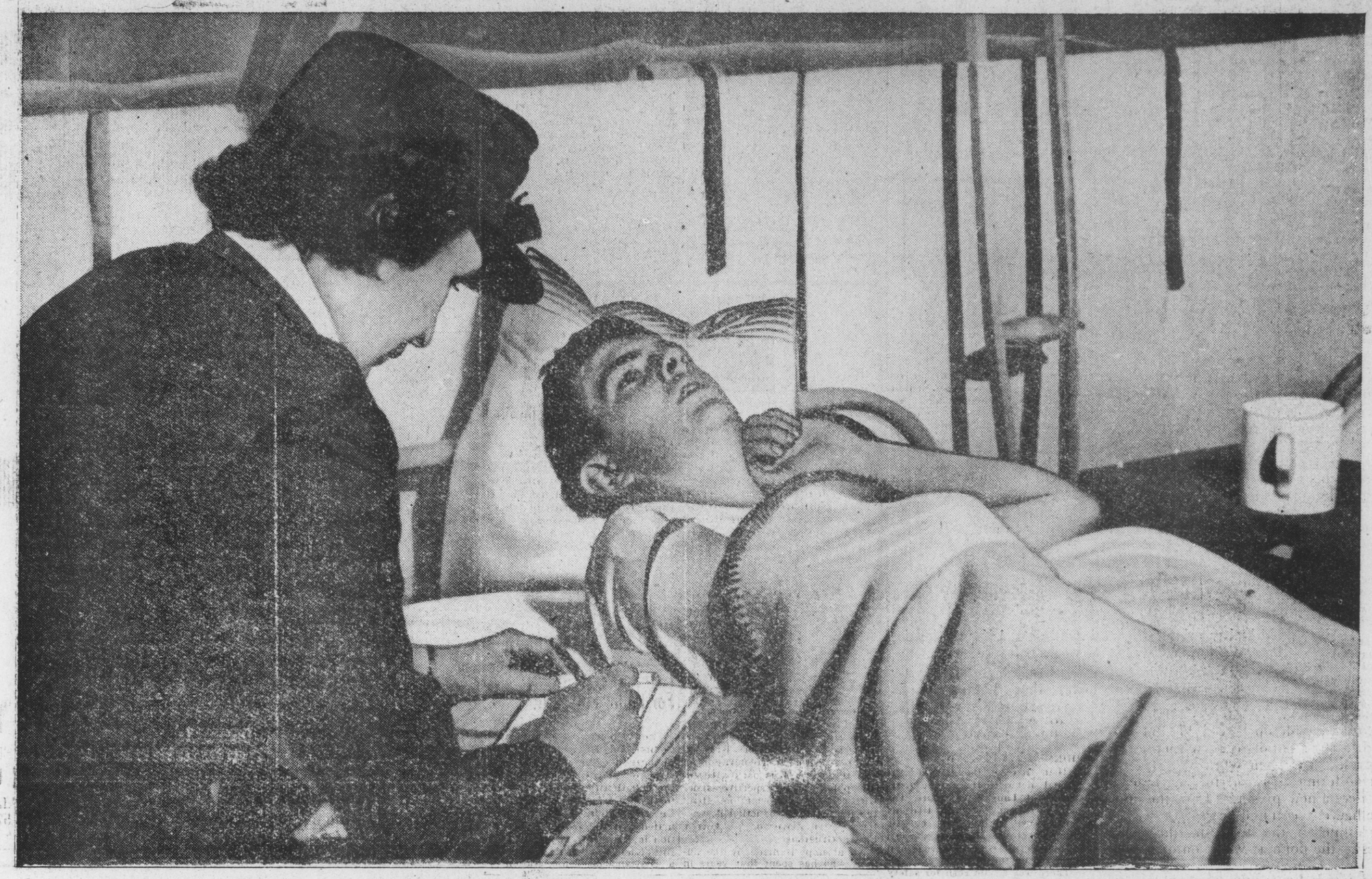

They need your Red Cross today—and for many tomorrows!

THEY lie in hospitals, thousands of our finest—sick, cruelly maimed. Who is to write their letters, hear their troubles, answer when they call for "Mom"? Mom can't be there. But your Red Cross can, *and must* be there. Many thousands more Americans, still overseas, must count on the Red Cross for comfort and cheer. So won't you give to the Red Cross? This is *your* chance to say, "Thanks, Soldier, for all you've done!"

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Big Business Plots Attack On Labor at Secret Meet

By BETTY GOLDSTEIN
New York City

Details of secret meetings in the Waldorf-Astoria at which America's leading industrialists planned strategy for their current attack on labor have been uncovered by Federated Press.

The meetings began in mid-November and are known to have occurred as late as the second week in January just preceding the steel strike. They took place in a 3-room suite on the fourth floor of the swanky Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. The surrounding suites were also engaged by the industrialists to insure secrecy. Hotel detectives and armed company guards watched the outer room of the suite. Meals were served in the rooms by the head waiter and no other waiters or hotel employes were allowed to enter.

Present at the meeting were top executives and labor relations directors of Bethlehem Steel, U. S. Steel, General Motors, General Electric, Westinghouse, Intl, Harvester, Goodyear Tire & Rubber, U. S. Rubber, Armour, Swift and Libby-Owens-Ford Glass.

MEETING CONFIRMED

That the meetings were held was confirmed by GE Pres. Charles E. Wilson after much questioning by the Senate labor committee in Washington. He admitted meeting at the Waldorf "about a month ago" with "representatives of the meat packers, auto manufacturing and a couple of men from steel" but said he "didn't remember" who they were.

He cited different wage increases offered by the struck corporations as evidence that "if there was any collusion, it didn't work out very well." The original wage increases offered were alike, however, in that they were all so much lower than union or government proposals that they were completely unacceptable. Federated Press' informants point out that the differences were most likely agreed on at the meetings to prevent appearance of conspiracy.

Typos, Engravers Agree on System For 'Varitypers'

Cleveland, Ohio

Differences between the Intl. Typographical Union and Intl. Photo Engravers Union (both AFL) over the latter's handling of varityper or paste-up copy during composing room strikes were ironed out by the two unions' executive councils here.

Although declining to make specific reference to the varityper dispute, the two unions issued a joint statement declaring that neither shall "engage in any strikebreaking procedure by doing work not previously" handled.

Determination of these facts will be left up to the two unions involved "and shall not be subject to outside interpretation or application," the statement said.

The varityper is a new machine which produces pages that can be photographed and reproduced on cuts for printing. It circumvents the typesetting process and has been called "a newcomer in the field of strikebreaking" by ITU Vice Pres. Elmer Brown.

New York Trades for Payroll Bond Buying

New York City

The Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York, representing 750,000 AFL members, had adopted a resolution indorsing purchase of U. S. savings bonds through the voluntary payroll savings plan and has urged adoption of a similar resolution by each of the local unions.

SHE'S HEP—Charming Anita Ellis is right in the groove with her singing every Tuesday on NBC's "The Red Skelton Show." Her favorite sport is hiking, but this isn't her hiking costume.

'Superman' . . . . By Redfield

"Beautiful morning. Think I'll crash a picketline today."

Steel, a Basic Industry, Should Be Declared 'Public Utility' in Interest of the Public Welfare

By "OBSERVER"

Whether or not Big and Little Steel should be declared a public utility is now worth considering.

In the last century railroads ran wild, each company trying to obtain advantages over others, building cheap and dangerous roads, charging exorbitant rates, and in many other ways operating against the public interest.

Taking advantage of its constitutional right to regulate interstate commerce, Congress made laws which brought the railroads under control and constituted them "public utilities."

In the 80's and 90's little telephone companies began operations—sometimes three or four in one town or city. A business house would need a phone for each system. Soon law made them public utilities operating in the interest of the public.

Water systems, electric lighting, inland waterway transportation, petroleum pipe lines, air lines and many other services have been made "public utilities" subject to the control of law.

Steel is a basic industry operating in interstate commerce and using iron ore, a natural resource rightfully belonging to all the people. Its continuous operation is a public necessity. The President's war powers will soon expire and the nation will be at the mercy of the industry. It can produce or refuse production, as it pleases.

If steel should be made a public utility, rules could be made regarding continuous operation, rates and prices, wages and salaries.

If steel should then be obdurate and fail to serve public interest, the alternative would be government ownership.

Printers Fearful of Increasing Radio Competition; Ask Special Franchise Tax to Aid Newspapers

Printers throughout the nation are becoming more and more concerned about the inroads of radio into the country's advertising budget with resultant effect on jobs for men who handle type. They cite these figures:

From 1934 to 1938, newspapers carried about 41 per cent of the advertising as against 20 per cent for radio outlets. In 1942, however, radio outlets carried 32.5 per cent and the newspapers 27.5 per cent. This, the printers contend, shows an advertising gain of 62 per cent for radio and a 68 per cent loss for newspapers.

The allied printing trades contend that this is unfair competition—that newspapers devote 50 per cent of their space to news and educational matter, while many radio stations devote nearly 75 per cent of their time to commercial (advertising) programs. They ask a special franchise tax on radio to help equalize the competition.

Although there is still a scarcity of printing tradesmen that situation will soon change, it is contended. And with the increasing percentage of advertising going to radio, the outlook for printing employment in the years to come will be more and more uncertain.

'ENORMOUSLY PROFITABLE'

Paul Porter, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (which licenses radio stations), declared at a recent Congressional committee hearing: "It is an enormously profitable industry." He added that the profit rate was 300 per cent (yearly) of the depreciated plant cost. Porter also said:

"Out of 900 broadcasting stations in the United States, 500 of them are operated with a national network and . . . the opportunities for local expression have been limited to a great degree by the practices of the networks."

(NOTE: Statistics showing what percentage of the local radio outlets are also owned and controlled by newspaper publishers were not available when this was written, but joint ownership has been growing rapidly. For instance, in the Bay Region, KLX is owned by the Tribune.)

Finally Made It!

We are advised, in an excited press release, that "nearly 1100 editor-writers" in the radio field have voted something identified as "Polonaise"—presumably in A Major—"the musical composition of the year." This hot tip comes from the enterprising journal, Radio Daily, which adds: "Thus Chopin reaches out into posterity to join the All-American winners." Nice going, Chopin, old boy. Immortality at last!—CHICAGO SUN.

Noctural Realism

There was an old man from Peru,
Who dreamt he was eating his shoe.
He awoke in the night
In a terrible fright—
And found it was perfectly true!

Unionism is The Issue

The following quotation from a book written several years ago fits the situation in many a struck plant:

"The union may be content with less than a closed shop if it can be assured of a secure position. In demanding an open shop the employer frequently wants so large a proportion of non-union men that the union is powerless as a bargaining agent. This is perfectly apparent when the 'open shop" is accompanied by the other anti-union policies of employers who make the greatest stir over the closed shop issue. The real matter at stake is not the open vs. the closed shop, but unionism vs. antiunionism. When a union has not even asked for the closed shop and the employer persists in condemning the union publicly for demanding it, the closed shop issue becomes perfectly transparent."

—ROBERT R. R. BROOKS,
in "Union of Their Own Choosing."

Chicago Federation Of Printing Trades Plans Donnelley War

Chicago, Illinois

The temporary Organization Committee of Printing Trades Unions, set up to co-ordinate unionization of R. R. Donnelley's, America's largest non-union printing plant, has been made into a permanent body to be known as the Chicago Federation of Printing Trades Unions.

N. M. DiPietro, executive secretary of the temporary committee, will serve as secretary of the new federation.

Originally formed to enable various craft unions to present a united front against Donnelley's Lakeside plant, the central office now assists local unions in preparation and negotiation of contracts, in organizing drives at other plants and in presenting the unions' point of view to magazine and book publishers and other buyers of printing.

BORE—A man who proceeds to tell you when you say "How are you?"

MACHINIST CHIEF HITS WAGE POLICY

Washington, D.C.

At the headquarters of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists, Vice Pres. Albert J. Hayes denounced the new national wage-price policy by predicting that "labor is in for a trimming."

Hayes said it looks "like things are all set for holding a wage below a ceiling and permitting prices to continue to rise. If the program is administered as wage stabilization and price control was during the war, it is going to create still more inequalities and reduce the purchasing value of the earned dollar."

The IAM official recalled that during the war wages did not keep step with prices and suggested the new formula was just another Little Steel formula substituting percentages permitted "which will put wages still more out of step with prices. Labor now won't be able through long overtime work, to make up any of the inequities."

Typos, Pressmen In Chicago Win Gains; Work Day 7½ Hours

Chicago, Illinois

Union printers here scored major victories in new contracts signed with employers, lowering the workweek without any loss in takehome pay.

After May 6 the standard workday throughout this area for union printing workers will be 7¼ hours. Instead of wage cuts, these new hours will be accompanied by wage increases of $4 weekly, which are already in effect, retroactive to Jan. 1.

Unions winning the new contract, which breaks the 8-hour day for the first time in the history of Chicago's printing trades, are Mailers Union No. 2, Intl. Typographical Union; Local 3, Printing Pressmen's Union; and Locals 8 and 182, Intl. Brotherhood of Bookbinders (all AFL).

There is just as much horse sense as ever, but some days we think the horses have it all.—PITTSBURGH PRESS.

FEDERATED PRESS HAS ELECTION

Chicago, Illinois

Approval of the 1946 budget of $58,900 was unanimously voted by the annual meeting of Federated Press, labor's daily news and picture service, held in Chicago. The nonfactional pro-labor policy of the service, which has been in operation since Jan. 2, 1920, was reaffirmed. Over 200 labor and progressive publications subscribe to FP news and/or pictures and features.

Editor Emil Beinecke of the Brewery Worker, Cincinnati, was re-elected chairman of the executive board. Vice Chairman Al Sessions, of the California Labor Press, Oakland, was also re-elected. Carl Haessler, managing editor and secretary-treasurer since 1922, continues in those posts.

Suggestions for expanding coverage and circulation of FP releases were made by attending editors and referred to the staff for consideration and implementation.

USES to Check Strikebreaker Jobs for Vets

Huntington Park, Calif.

The U. S. Employment Service office here will investigate doorknob rattlers agencies very carefully hereafter, officials have assured unions.

Protests were made by the Los Angeles central labor bodies on learning that three veterans had been offered strikebreaking work by a detective agency to which the USES sent them.

Australia Has Uranium Stock To Make Bomb

Sydney, Australia

When it comes to making atomic bombs, Australia will be in a position to declare itself in on the deal. According to T. Dougherty, who is chief of the Australian Workers' Union, the richest uranium deposits in the world have been discovered in Southeastern Queensland.

Have you ever seen a Brave Man Cry?

IT HAPPENED somewhere in the Pacific. The boys of the 5th Air Force were "occupying" a God-forsaken jungle island which had been taken from the Japs.

The heat, and the bugs, and the dirt were unbearable. The loneliness was beyond belief—beyond anything we who haven't been there can imagine.

Then—on a sweltering airstrip one morning a plane came down out of the sky. And out of it stepped two Red Cross girls, *American* girls.

"Hi there, Soldiers!" Their voices were like magic.

American girls, like the sisters and sweethearts they hadn't seen for so many long months—greeting them as they'd been greeted so often in the old, happy days at home. Yes, tears filled the eyes of more than one of those fighting men. Brave men they were, crying unashamed!

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Many thousands of our men are still overseas. They're lonely. They're homesick. They need your Red Cross *now*. And Red Cross men and women are at their side. But only *you* can keep them there. Through your contributions you make it possible for the Red Cross to *see them through*. Give today!

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres., Judson F. Flint, 201 Archer, phone 3298. Secy., Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Hans Top, 1128 Laurie Ave., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 5341.

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CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

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LAUNDRY WORKERS 252—Ceets on call in Teamsters Hall, Main and John Streets. Mildred Clayton, president and business agent. Phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 117 Pajaro Street at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Earl Ross. Fin. Secy. and Business Agent, Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa Street, phone 4126. Recording Secy., Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423; Pres., Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Everly; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schireke, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas. Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

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SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary-treasurer, R. MacRossie; Recording secretary, H. Dies. Meet in Forresters Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

TEAMSTERS 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216, Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

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BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, Feb. 21, 1946. Meeting called to order by President Wm. J. Dickerson at 8 p.m. Roll call showed seven local unions represented. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

CREDENTIALS

Brother Spike Harp, Roofers 50, was present with instructions to replace Brother Duke Austin as a delegate. It was moved and seconded that Brother Harp be seated pending the arrival of his credentials. Carried.

Brother W. T. Evans reports for the Executive Board meeting with the Fish Cannery Workers, Feb. 15, 1946. No minutes were kept of the meeting but it was generally agreed that all new construction will be done by the Building Trades Crafts and when Cannery Workers are used it will be necessary to secure a permit from the craft involved in order to go on the work. Any remodel work requiring the supervision of a contractor will be done by the Building Trades crafts. The report was held open for any further understandings.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a letter from Sheet Metal Workers L.U. 304, quoting their award to the installation of all sheet metal of 10 guage or lighter.

Received an appeal for financial assistance from the UAW GM strike.

From the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, two letters of reports on the acts of the California State Legislature.

From the Building and Construction Trades Council of Miami, Fla., a copy of a protest letter to the WLB and Building and Construction Trades Dept. over the method of wage adjustments for the Building Trades crafts.

From the State Federation of Labor, a letter explaining the wage-price policy under the Wage Stabilization Administration.

A letter from the Republican National Committee setting forth their views on the present day policy of government.

A copy of minutes from the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council stating the two barber shops in Pacific Grove had been placed on the "We Do Not Patronize List." When entering a shop, please see that the Union Shop Card is displayed.

A copy of minutes from the Building and Construction Trades Council of Santa Clara County.

A letter from the Northern California Health Committee have had to disband due to the lack of funds and the money left over will be turned to the T.B. Society.

Two weekly newsletters from the State Federation.

A booklet from the State Federation of Labor which shows that the Building Trades are not responsible for the high cost of building.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The Aetna Construction Co. are rebuilding the Associated Oil Co. station at Drake and Lighthouse, Monterey for Hicks & Howel Tire and Service Co. There is a remodel job at 219 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, which is a firetrap and should be condemned and new building built. Another job in Pacific Grove that should be condemned was a partly burned building on Laurel St. I hope that some day Pacific Grove will get beyond the shanty stage. There are several new homes started and many others waiting for material. (The report was accepted.)

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Gregory be requested to stay in the office Saturday morning so the B.A. can get out and visit the jobs. (Carried.)

Brother Burk, Painters L.U. No. 272, good meeting, did lots of business; adjourned at 11 p.m.

Brother Evans, Carpenters L.U. 1323, good meeting, small attendance. Members prepared several applicants for initiation at the next meeting.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brother O'Neil, Plumbers 62, visited San Francisco last week and there is the reason why we are not able to get building craftsmen for Monterey area. There is new construction all along the way, the closer one gets to the Bay Area the more construction.

Brother Decker, L.U. 690 Laborers; good meeting, initiated 14 new members.

Brother Fales, Electric Workers 1072—There is a little confusion in regards to electric workers wage for San Francisco. It was published in the paper a $2.17½ per hour wage, but that was for underground cable splicers only. The electric workers is $1.87½. Mr. Page of Pacific Grove is cited to appear before their Executive Board for Monday, Feb. 25, 1946.

Brother Alsop, Sheet Metal Workers L.U. 304—We held a special meeting in regards to their wage scale. The district organizer was present to explain the procedure. On adjournment we proceeded to the Blue Ox where there was a feed prepared for the members.

Brother Spike Hard, Roofers 50—Good meeting, no special business.

GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

It was reported that Mr. C. W. Martin, Safety Engineers, was in town where he had several inspections to make; he left a copy of safety laws for painters. He agreed to send a copy of the state contractors license laws.

The question of too many working Saturday morning on work not essential was discussed.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

L. T. LONG, Secy.

Green Says Pres. Truman's Policy On Wage, Prices Is 'Unacceptable'

Washington, D. C.

President Truman's new wage-price policy ran into immediate difficulty from the American Federation of Labor.

AFL Pres. William Green described the policy as "unsatisfactory to the AFL and unacceptable. It constitutes a backward step—a return to wartime economic conditions. It establishes wage-fixing by government and strikes a body-blow at free collective bargaining.

"No employer will be willing to bargain collectively with a labor union under the restrictions imposed by the new policy. We realize that the government faced a serious difficulty in seeking to promote full production while wage and price disputes disrupted production.

"But the new policy is no solution. It will only serve to increase confusion and multiply the nation's troubles. We fear it will also create widespread social, industrial and economic discontent and upheavals."

Big Boys Overpay On Taxes, Get 6% Back

Here is the latest racket: Big taxpayers are deliberately overpaying their income tax. That sounds silly, but it isn't. Uncle Sam pays 6 per cent on the overpayment until the Treasury makes a settlement. That's twice as much as an investor can get out of "safe" securities.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Feb. 19, 1946. The meeting was called to order by President McCutcheon. The roll call showed the presence of six delegates from five locals. Regular officers present were Pres. McCutcheon, Sec.-Treas. Edwards, and Sgt-at-Arms Sage. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as real.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to consider the case of Mr. Hirsch, a member of the Musicians Union. The Barbers reported that Mr. Hirsch is operating a barber shop without displaying a union card. Mr. Hirsch was given the floor to explain his position in the matter. He stated that he is neither the owner of the shop nor working on a guarantee and is therefore not in a position to put in a card. The proprietor is in the army but expects his discharge very soon, when the whole question can be dealt with. In view of this explanation, and in as much as Mr. Hirsch is charging union prices and keeping union hours, it was moved, seconded and passed to lay on the table further consideration of this question for 30 days.

Various communications were presented and considered.

It was moved, seconded and passed that Secretary Wayne Edwards be elected as a delegate to the meeting to be held in Sacramento March 23, and that the Council pay all his necessary expenses.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the proprietors of the following barber shops be cited to appear before the Council at the next regular meeting to show cause why they should not be placed on the We Do Not Patronize List for refusing to affiliate with the Barbers Union as charged by said organization: Star Barber Shop, George's Barber Shop, Ed Maurer's Barber Shop, Bud Francis, Foster's Barber Shop, Frank's Barber Shop, Slim Watson's Barber Shop.

The Barbers turned in the names of four union men who have been seen patronizing a non-union barber shop. It was moved, seconded and passed that the secretary notify the unions to which these men belong, passing on this information.

The Barbers reported that the attendance at their last meeting was the best for a long while. They had a good meeting.

The Glass Bottle Blowers reported that all is well with them.

The Bartenders reported the best meeting in some time and that a negotiating committee has been appointed.

The Musicians reported the signing up of two former non-union people.

Treasurer's report was presented and accepted, and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

STATE FEDERATION HAILS DISABILITY BILL AS TRIUMPH

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, California.

Final adoption of S. B. 40 (Shelley et al) establishing a system of disability insurance under general provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act was the outstanding event of the week in Sacramento's legislative session. This has been hailed as the most important piece of social legislation to be enacted in California in almost a decade.

This Federation-sponsored bill, of which Governor Earl Warren was an active proponent, will undoubtedly receive his signature before this issue of the News Letter reaches its readers. In 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature the bill will become a law. Under its provisions benefits will become payable not more than one year after that date, and may be available sooner if the Federal Social Security Board can be prevailed upon to transfer the necessary funds to put the law into operation.

SPECIAL FUND SET UP

The 1 per cent employes' contributions now collected for unemployment insurance will be segregated under a special fund and will be used partially to compensate eligible applicants for loss of wages due to illness or accidents not covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act. Individuals eligible for unemployment insurance will, generally, likewise be qualified for disability benefits. **The amounts to be received will range from $10 to $20 per week, and the maximum period of eligibility will reach to a maximum of 23 weeks. Exception to this will be the case of a worker unemployed part of his benefit year because of loss of job and for another part due to disability, in which event such a worker may receive payments up to a maximum of approximately 35 weeks for the combined categories of unemployment. No benefits will be paid for the first week of any period of disability, but each full week thereafter will be compensable. No payments will be made, however, for pregnancy.**

PRIVATE PLANS UNTOUCHED

Private disability compensation plans operated by employers will not be excluded if an employer and a majority of his employees prefer such a plan. Such projects, however, must be approved by the Department of Employment and no such approval may be granted until it is determined that the benefits under the new plan will be greater and the cost to the employees not more than under the state plan.

Since the inception of the unemployment insurance system in California, wage earners have contributed 1 per cent of their wages for which they have received no benefits whatsoever. Only three other states besides California require employees' contributions. In all other states employers finance the unemployment insurance fund, and in several of these states benefits to employees are greater even than those received by California workers.

EXTRA BENEFITS JUST

Experience has amply and convincingly demonstrated that employes' contributions are no longer needed in California to maintain the solvency of the fund. The enactment of **S.B. 40** will assure workers who in the future suffer loss of wages because of extended illness, benefits that will be extremely helpful in meeting current living expenses.

Only after numerous sharp legislative skirmishes was **S.B. 40** enacted. Representatives of the State Federation of Labor spent many hours in conference with opponents of the measure in an effort to work out a bill which would be generally acceptable to everyone involved, including labor, employers and insurance companies.

Amendments were subsequently offered to the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance, where former differences had been resolved, by the California Medical Association, the CIO and dissident employer groups.

OTHER BILLS REPORTED

A.B. 109 (Maloney & Gaffney), increasing maximum workmen's compensation benefits to $30 per week, has passed the Senate and is on the way to the Governor's office at the time of this writing.

A.B. 52 (Maloney & Burke), appropriating 7½ milion dollars for emergency housing for veterans, has been signed by the Governor.

A.B. 97 (Miller et al), prohibiting racial discrimination was withdrawn from the Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy by a vote of 42 to 27 and rereferred to Committee on Ways and Means. This committee then refused by a 10 to 6 vote to send the measure to the Assembly floor thus killing all possibility of further consideration of any bill on racial discrimination during the present session.

S.B. 45 (Tenney) and A.B. 7 (Johnson et al), continuing the child care program until the fall of 1947, have both gone to the Governor.

The Full Employment bill, A.B. 55 (McMillan et al), died after refusal of the Assembly to reconsider its previous vote defeating the measure. Fifty-one assemblymen voted for reconsideration and only 23 against, but 54 affirmative votes were needed to revive the bill.

A.J.R. 18 (Maloney et al), memorializing Congress to increase the Federal Minimum Wage, passed the Assembly unanimously and was sent to the Senate.

UNO Gives AFL Same Advice Power Voted World Fed. Setup

London, England

The general assembly of the United Nations Organization voted 32 to 6 to give the AFL and Intl. Co-operative Alliance the same advisory privileges as the new World Federation of Trade Unions, to which the AFL does not belong.

The UNO action was taken in the final hours of its closing session here and defeated a proposal by the Soviet Union that only the WFTU be granted advisory privileges in the UNO's economic and social council. Soviet argument was that if the AFL wished a voice in UNO proceedings it could join the WFTU. Leading the fight for separate UNO recognition of the AFL was Sen. Tom Connally (D., Tex.), a member of the U. S. delegation.

Cops Bust Up Vet Picketline

Strikebreaking cops push back vet picketline outside strikebound trolley barn in Lancaster, Pa., to permit passage of scab-manned car. Attempt to break strike, called by Local 1241, Amalgamated Assn. of Street Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employes (AFL), has returned only handful of cars to operation. Strikers operate free hack service for GI's. (Federated Pictures)

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BARBERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St.. President, Ralph Lester, 307½ Madison St.; Secretary-Treas., A. H Thompson, 243 Alvarado St., Ph. 5741.

BARTENDERS 483 (HOTEL, RESTAURANT EMPLOYES & BARTENDERS ALLIANCE)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m., 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon; Sec., Pearl Robinson; Bus. Agt., Steve Smario. Office, 315 Alvarado, Monterey; phone 6734.

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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 411½ Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., W. J. Dickerson, 201 Monroe St., phone 8160. Secretary and Bus. Agent, L. T. Long, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 4292. Office at 411½ Alvarado St., phone 6744. Mailing address: P.O. Box 611. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (MONTEREY PENINSULA)—Meets at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon. Vice-Pres., J. F. Wheat. Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone 7622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at 411½ Alvarado Street, Monterey. E. C. Geary, president. Paul Day, secretary. Phone 7550.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC (Monterey County, AFL)—Meets on call. Pres., William Culver; Bus. Agent, Lester Caveny; Secy.-Treas., Roy Humbracht. Office at Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., New Monterey.

FISHERMEN (SEINE AND LINE)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Salvatore Davigo, 335 Monroe St., phone 7729. Secretary and Bus. Agent, John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 7713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets in New Labor Temple, Monterey, first Sunday morning of each month at 10 o'clock. President, Perry Luce, 1251 David avenue. Vice-President, Thomas E. McGuire, P. O. Box 156, Seaside. Secretary-Treasurer, Frank E. Decker, P. O. Box 1305, Monterey.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Siefert, 1508 First St., Salinas, Phone Salinas 674.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

MUSICIANS 616—Meetings, when called, held at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, at 2:30 p.m. Pres., A. A. Hirsch, Seaside, Calif., phone Monterey 4257. Secretary, Harry H. Judson, Box 422, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166. Office at 500 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 315 Alvarado St. at 8 p.m. Pres., Robert Deakin, 149 Monterey, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 9285. Rec. Secy., Ed. L. Castle, 457 Wave, Monterey, phone 6312. Financial secretary, J. C. Hazelwood, 419 9th St, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 7905.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Building Trades Hall, Monterey, 8:00 p.m. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, V. J. Willoughby, 152 Carmel Avenue, Pacific Grove.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS No. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411½ Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. L. A. Trine, President. Phone 5704. H. Diaz, secretary, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey. Phone 7956.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Friday of month. Pres., Boyd Beall; Vice-Pres., E. L. Edwards; Sec.-Treas., Art Hamil.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lahr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove. Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas. Phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411½ Alvardo St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411½ Alvarado St., Monterey.

TEACHERS (MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED) 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. Fin-Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

TEAMSTERS (GENERAL AND AUTO DRIVERS) 287—Meets second Wednesday at Teamsters' Hall, Main and John Sts., Salinas, at 8 p.m. President, Thos. M. Brett, 941 The Alameda, San Jose, phone Ballard 6315. Secretary and Business Agent, George W. Jenott, address same. Office at Main and John Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

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The Union is happy to report that all employees of Apple Growers, Ice Industry and Cold Storage of Watsonville are now members of the Union.

We are hopeful that by the time you read this that our Ice Industry agreements, both in Watsonville and Salinas will have been completely negotiated. In any event, keep in touch with your Union representative for further information.

Shop Stewards

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SAM REGAS (San Juan) — W. K. Martin.
C. B. GENTRY (Gilroy)—Harvey Whitney, A. Taffitiller.
These stewards have done a fine job and are deserving of a great deal of praise from the members!

The Union wishes to advise all our members employed by the Raiter Canning Company, that despite all the controversy arising as a result of an election held last October in Northern California, negotiations will continue with your employer and an agreement in line with the terms suggested by yourselves has been reached. The Cannery Reporter is mailed to your homes, as well as this paper; if you are not receiving the Cannery Reporter, please call our office, telephone 4893. If you should change your address let the office know immediately.

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS: The following meetings are scheduled for the month of March: On Monday, March 4, a regular meeting will be held at the Watsonville Labor Temple, time 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 5, your regular meeting is scheduled at the Foresters' Hall, next to the El Rey Theater in Salinas, time 8 p.m.

On Thursday, March 14, regular initiation meeting will be held at Foresters' Hall, Salinas, time 8 p.m.

In the event you become unemployed, please register for employment at the offices of the Union. By the time you read this, we should have employment for many of our members.

IMPORTANT: Many of our members fail to report any serious illness or accidents to the office of the Union on time. Please be aware that you are recognized, in the event you are eligible for Sick and Disability Benefits, only from the date it is reported to the office of the Union. In order to be eligible for Sick and Disability Benefits, your dues must be paid for the current month before the 15th day.

In the event any of our members have any news items of interest that you may want published, please phone the information to the office of the Union or send it in. Space will be utilized for such items.

We are glad to report that State Senator Jack Shelley, who is a member of ours in San Francisco, recently was successful in putting through both houses of the legislature the celebrated Shelley Bill. This bill means that beginning in 1947 will pay benefits for a certain number of weeks. If you are ill such amounts will come from the 1 per cent you pay towards your unemployment insurance; we consider this measure a great victory for all labor, organized or unorganized.

We request all our members to continue their active participation in the various drives that are being conducted nationally. Contribute generously to the clothing drive, to the polio drive, or commonly known as the March of Dimes. Do not forget the American Red Cross; $57,000 is the quota assigned the Salinas Valley Chapter this year. Continue to patronize Union services.

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SAN JUAN NEWS

A special call meeting was held in the Nevada Cafe in San Juan Tues., Feb. 19. In spite of a very stormy night, the employes of the Sam Regas and Son packing plant were there 100 per cent. The following members were initiated: Helen Lujan, Josephine Redagan, Mae Rippenburg, Odessa Cagle, Myrtle Klock, Ernestine Redagan, Josephine Montaya, Irma Rowe, Eva Maderios, Fannie Westmoreland, Ada Conley, Venuta Guerra, Flo Walker, Jeanette Viera, Margaret Guerra.

Many of these members came from Hollister and Gilroy. We wish to commend them for taking such an interest in their unions.

W. K. Martin, shop steward, is doing a swell job.

A large number of new members were initiated last Tuesday evening at the Nevada Cafe. These people are employees of Sam Regas and Son. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

At the meeting Brother Kenyon presented the family of our deceased Brother George Clymer with a death benefit check and the meeting adjourned out of respect for our deceased Brother Clymer.

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To all persons in Gilroy who will receive vacation checks from the C. B. Gentry Company: Please understand that although you are receiving unemployment insurance this lay-off, you must declare your vacation week. During that vacation week which you declare you are not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

We wish to advise our members also in the Gilroy area, that a favorable condition was rendered in behalf of Sister Callahan with regards to her industrial case resulting from skin rash acquired at the C. B. Gentry plant.

May we remind our members employed at the C. B. Gentry Company that the office of the Union in Gilroy will be opened after the first of month one day a week only, the day designated is Thursday.

3rd Bay Bridge Move Growing

The move for another Bay Bridge, from Hunters Point to Bay Farm Island gained momentum last week when a resolution was introduced in Congress by Rep. Richard J. Welch asking the Army and Navy to investigate the "need and feasibility" of another span.

Bay Cities Metal Trades Council is on record as unanimously in favor of another bay crossing. Traffic conditions on the present bridge now frequently reach the intolerable stage with as much as two hours sometimes required to go from one point in San Francisco to a point in the Eastbay.

Detroit Plumbers Get Scale of $1.90 Hourly

Detroit, Michigan

$1.90 an hour is the new scale of Local 98, United Assn. of Plumbers and Steamfitters.

The output of hot air in Congress during a filibuster is about the same as usual, the main difference being that it is premeditated.—CINCINNATI ENQUIRER.

Lea Bill, Planned to Hurt Musicians, Goes To Floor Soon, Report

Washington, D. C.

The House rules committee, top-heavy with anti-labor Republicans and polltax Democrats, voted to send the Lea bill (HR 5117) to the floor for an early vote. The measure is directed against the American Federation of Musicians and its president, James C. Petrillo.

Under the Lea bill's provisions, the AFM would be prohibited from forcing a broadcasting studio to employ any persons "in excess of the number of employes wanted," to pay or give any money or fees "in connection with the conduct of the broadcasting business," or to refrain from broadcasting non-commercial or cultural programs with unpaid free talent. It would also prohibit the union from forcing agreements to refrain from broadcasting radio programs from outside the U. S.

Wording of the bill has been criticised in labor circles as prohibiting the union from striking to obtain its normal demands.

Liberals Ask Argentina Be Given Bounce

Washington, D. C.

The State Dept. blue book branding Argentina as a "Nazi-Fascist state" puts the finger on a highly dangerous source of infection for the entire world.

Exposure of the Argentine menace is not enough, however. The last vestiges of U. S. appeasement—which reached its low point at San Francisco when the State Dept. forced approval of Argentina as a member of the United Nations—can only be wiped out by booting Argentina out of UNO. All the evidence needed for this action is right in the blue book which, incidentally, the State Dept. began assembling in 1943, long before the San Francisco conference. The Soviet Union at San Francisco unsuccessfully tried to block admission of Argentina.

The Argentine government and its leader, Col. Juan D. Peron fully exposed as accomplices of the Nazis who plan to use that nation as a jumping-off spot for a new assault against the democracies of the world.

NAZI ACTIVITY

"In Argentina," the blue book says, "the Germans have constructed a complete duplicate of the economic structure for war which they had in Germany. They possess today in Argentina the economic organization — industrial, commercial and agricultural — which they need to provide a basis for the reconstitution of German aggressive power when the homeland is still occupied."

UNIONS ASK ARREST OF VULTEE OFFICIAL

San Diego, Calif.

Indignant labor unions, other groups and liberal citizens united here in demanding that Dist. Atty. Thomas Whelan issue a criminal complaint against Vice Pres. I. M. Laddon of the strike-bound Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp.

Striking Lodge 125, Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated), accused Laddon of deliberately driving his car through a moving line of pickets at the entrance to the company's parking lot driveway and injuring two pickets, one of whom was carried more than 100 feet, the length of the parking lot, on the vehicle.

But Whelan, after interviewing witnesses, said he had insufficient evidence to warrant issuance of a complaint. He was immediately bombarded by various unions and by numerous individuals urging that Laddon's action not go unpunished.

Could Be, Could Be

"Tramps make their clothes last an incredible time," says an institution official. The reason for this may be that a rolling stone gathers no moths.

Lend-Lease Stuff

Thank the movies for the "lend-lease" agreement that lets us add English actress Patricia Roc to our pin-up collection. (Federated Pictures)

YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS

By
GEORGE E. OUTLAND

Only recently, I wrote to you about some of the housing proposals before Congress. But, so much has happened since Wilson Wyatt, former mayor of Louisville, Kentucky, came to town to be Housing Expediter, that I wanted to tell you about the latest developments.

In the early days of the war, President Roosevelt called for 50,000 planes. Many said it could't be done. They were certain of that. But we mobilized our national resources and more than did it. Mr. Wyatt correctly views the housing emergency as an equally important crisis to be met with the same vision and effort. But he has equal faith that we can meet the problem.

His goal is 3,000,000 homes by April, 1948. That would mean starting 1,200,000 units this year, 250,000 of these to be permanent prefabricated or assembled on the site from prefabricated materials and parts. Another 1,500,000 homes must be started in 1947, 600,000 of these to be prefabricated. Veterans will have preference in purchasing or renting, but provisions will be made for other hardship cases.

The need to meet this tremendous challenge is apparent to us all. We don't have to look very far to see people crowded and doubled up, families separated, or living in unsafe and unhygienic quarters. Mr. Wyatt spells the total need by 1947 at over 3,000,000 with 1,200,000 families still doubled up. He has attacked the problem with zeal. His proposals meet many of the objections or lacks in present plans. In fact, he seems to have thought of just about everything.

INCREASED PRODUCTION

In order to reach the particular goal set for 1946, our supply of building materials must be 8 times greater than that we had on hand in 1945. To meet this tremendous need, Mr. Wyatt has suggested a ban on unessential or deferrable construction for the rest of this year; a re-establishment of priorities and allocation to make possible co-ordinated control of the flow of materials; and the immediate use of all surplus, new or unused plants that can produce building materials.

He injects a progressive note when he suggests that we make use of our knowledge, developed during the war, of prefabrication and new materials. It has become quite usual for whole units such as bathrooms and kitchens to be prefabricated and installed at the site. Not only can we produce materials and parts of homes on a mass scale. We can make complete houses. This permits greatly increased production, more speed, and lower costs.

To encourage private enterprise to enter into this pioneer field, Mr. Wyatt recommends government premium payments for certain kinds of production, government absorption of undue risks incurred in experimentation, and government guaranteed markets for the modern housing, provided the prefabricated units live up to rigid standards.

If we have the vision to enter into such a program, it may very well mean the development of a new industry which will present investment and employment opportunities for our future prosperity.

MANPOWER

To meet our goals, we must triple the number of people now employed in construction industries by mid-1947. This means job opportunities. Mr. Wyatt has recommended a vigorous recruiting program, apprentice training, and raising wages in the portions of the industry where they are abnormally low.

COSTS

A survey made in Separation Centers showed that most veterans don't believe they will be able to pay more than $50 a month for homes. The Wyatt report realistically improves on present plans by declaring that most materials will be allocated to homes selling for not more than $6000 a year or renting for not more than $50 a month. To provide incentive to the industry to build such low cost homes, government insuring of mortgages up to 90 per cent is planned.

The absolute necessity for effective price controls on building materials, existing and new homes, building lots and rents is heavily stressed. We could destroy our whole chance to meet the housing crisis by allowing costs to soar so that no one could afford to build, buy, or leave his cramped and dingy quarters for pleasant, healthful housing.

SOME MORE THINGS THAT COUNT

As proof that Mr. Wyatt thought of just about everything, he has even suggested government and community assistance to make lots ready. If the mains and sewers have been installed, the grading completed, houses can go up as soon as materials are ready.

Mr. Wyatt counts heavily on the communities. He urges setting up Emergency Housing Committees to assure veteran preferences, modernize building codes, develop sites, discourage black markets, train labor, and break local bottlenecks.

SOME LEGISLATION NEEDED

Congress will have to pass certain legislation to expedite the program. It must approve funds for premium payments, for the stimulation of technical research, for mortgage guarantees, and for the administration of the priority system. It must authorize funds to reconvert barracks and other buildings for temporary housing. Congress must provide inflation controls. It must consider and pass legislation such as the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill which defines our permanent national housing policy. For, Wilson Wyatt's proposals, compiled with speed and exceptional competence, represent the least we can do to meet an emergency, to keep things from becoming worse. After the crisis is past, there are ten and one-half million substandard homes in this nation for us to go after.

Eisenhower Says He'll Stop This Army Recruiting Anti-Union Gag

Los Angeles, Calif.

Army officers who make cracks at labor unions are not in favor with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The U. S. army chief of staff promises "proper action" will be taken to prevent anti-labor propaganda by officers.

Eisenhower's assurance was received by a local union, which had protested both to the army chief and to President Truman at a mimeographed recruiting appeal issued to personnel at Walla Walla Airfield, Wash.

"Why go after a job where the right to strike keeps thousands of willing workers away from their jobs?" a Capt. Blaylock of the 448th Bombardment Group was quoted as saying. "Why go where you have to pay union fees, initiation fees, etc., for the privilege of working?"

Eisenhower's letter to the council says: "You may be assured that proper action will be taken to prevent officers from making statements that would unfairly prejudice members of the armed forces against labor or any other group of other citizens."

Says Good Pay Main Boss Responsibility

Decatur, Ilinois

Decent wages for workers should be the first responsibility of business, the Rev. John F. Brockmeier told an AFL union rally here.

Making a Mourner

LAWYER: "What's to be different about this will?"

MR. HENPECKED: "I'm leaving everything to my wife, providing she marries again within a year. I want someone to be sorry I died!"

DIPLOMACY—The art of letting someone else have your way.

N. Y. TIMES GETS SHOCK: PEOPLE FOR WORKERS!

The conservative New York Times was quite surprised. It sent a reporter on a tour of department stores to find out how a cross section of women felt about the current strikes. And lo and behold, 22 of 30 women shoppers declared management was to blame. Only three thought labor was at fault!

All of the women said it was important for workers to have enough take-home pay to cover at least their full cost of living, medical expenses and emergency savings accounts. All but three said this was an issue in the current strikes. Twenty-six out of 30 thought wages could be raised without an increase in prices. Twenty-seven felt that "we're not getting the whole story" from the newspapers and stressed that wartime wages had been exaggerated.

Shoppers in three different income levels were approached, from the working class stores on 14th St. to swanky Fifth Ave. shops. Ten of the women, three in the high-income group, had contributed financially to strike support!

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